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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 09/147,367 Confirmation No.: 1613  
Applicant : Ulf Schroder  
Filed : Dec. 9, 1998  
TC/A.U. : 1615  
Examiner : G. S. Kishore  
  
Docket No. : SCHR3004/JDB  
Customer No. : 23364

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6-11-04***AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA. 22202-3514

Sir:

This is further to the notice of appeal filed on September 3, 2003, which was filed as a response to the final Office Action dated April 3, 2003. The period of response for filing an appeal brief or for taking other appropriate action in this application is set to expire on November 3, 2003. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on the attached page having the heading "Amendments to the Claims".

Remarks/Arguments begin on the attached page having the heading "Remarks/Arguments".

Also submitted herewith is a request for continued examination so that the amendment may be considered and entered by the examiner in accordance with prescribed procedures.